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The Mohegan Way

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Indian Gaming in Connecticut

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Ten years ago, the Mohegan Tribe opened the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino. We took this action as a way to provide for our members and ensure economic self-sufficiency for our Tribe. We also believed we could become a positive engine of economic growth for southeastern Connecticut.

Today, the Mohegan Tribe is one of Connecticut's largest employers, and nearly 90% of our 10,000 employees live right here in our state. In addition, the Mohegan Sun generates millions of dollars in revenue to other Connecticut companies, creating at least another 10,000 jobs.

Along with our neighbors, the Mashantucket Pequots, Native American gaming in Connecticut has become one of the state's largest sources of tax revenue.

As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino, we are proud of what has been accomplished and are committed to continuing to create jobs and economic development here at home. We also remain dedicated to being good neighbors to the surrounding communities. Through the years, the Mohegan Tribe has worked

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Mohegan Tribe Celebrates 175-year-old Mohegan Church

This year the Mohegan Tribe is celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Mohegan Church and the vital role it played in maintaining and protecting the Mohegan Tribe's sovereignty.

In 1827, the United States government mandated the forced relocation to the western United States of all "uncivilized" and "un-Christianized" Indians. In response to this anti-Native American government initiative, the Mohegan Church was established in 1831 on Mohegan Hill in Uncasville, Connecticut.

The new Mohegan Church served as a Congregational Meeting House and a school for Tribal members. For the past 175 years, the Church has continued to play a vital role in the Tribe's cultural activities.

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The Mohegan Tribe — Providing Funds to Support Connecticut's Vital Services

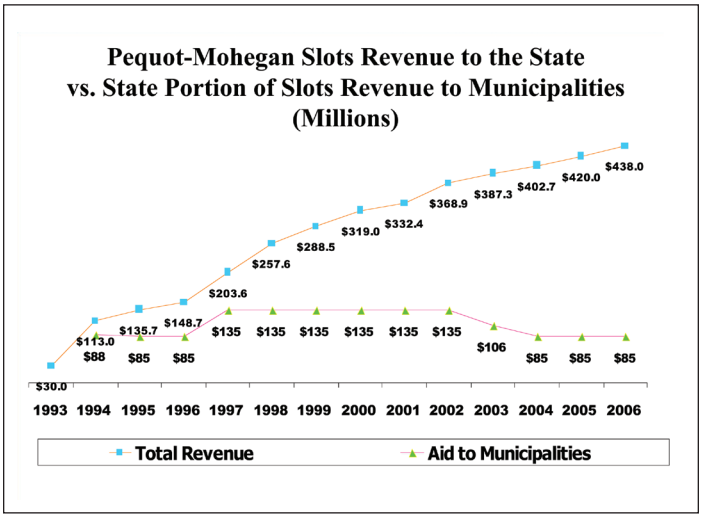
THIS YEAR MARKS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE MOHEGAN SUN CASINO.

Prior to opening, Connecticut and its Native American Tribes signed a historic compact that set up a unique revenue-sharing system. Every month, 25% of all slots revenue (before expenses) goes to the Mohegan-Pequot Fund. The state of Connecticut then uses a portion of these dollars to pay for vital state services and transfers the rest to each of Connecticut's 169 towns to help fund local budgets. Over the past decade, the Mohegan Tribe has transferred over $1.5 billion to the state of Connecticut and Connecticut's 169 cities and towns.

This month (August 2006), the Mohegan Tribe's monthly contribution to the Mohegan-Pequot Slot Fund will probably exceed $19 million. This year alone, the Mohegan Tribe will transfer about $225 million, which is about $20 million more than the state will receive from Foxwoods Resort Casino.

Together, Connecticut's Native American Tribes will contribute over $425 million this year. By comparison, the state lottery will generate a total of about $285 million for the state (or about $140 million less than what is coming from the two casinos).

Since the casinos opened, Connecticut has received $3.8 billion from the two Tribes.



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The land beneath the Church is one of two locations continually owned by the Tribe since before European contact. The continuous ownership of this property served as important documentation of the Tribe's ongoing sovereignty, which in turn helped ensure that the Mohegan Tribe received its federal recognition in 1994.

A successful effort to restore the building and its role in Tribal life was commenced in 1997. The final phase, a museum exhibit, was completed in May 2002. The exhibit contains artifacts directly relating to the Church and the Tribe's history.

From 1860 through the late 1950s, the Tribe's Wigwam Festival—a celebration of Tribal identity and tradition as well as a thanksgiving for the corn harvest—was held annually on the grounds of the Mohegan Church. The Wigwam Festival is now held at nearby Fort Shantok, on the west bank of the Thames River, where the Mohegan Sachem Uncas and his people settled in the 1630s.

The word "wigwam" is derived from the Mohegan word "wigwomun," which means "come in the house" or "welcome." In keeping with this time-honored tradition, the Tribe invites everyone in the community to attend these annual festivities free of charge.

The Wigwam Festival serves as an important cultural event in Mohegan life and a unique opportunity for visitors to learn about the Native Americans, the Mohegan Tribe and its heritage. Native singers and dancers come to compete from all over Indian Country. The Festival includes a juried art exhibit and Native craft vendors.

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closely with our neighboring towns on a variety of important issues—including the development of long-term solutions to water and energy management.

Over the past decade, we have also worked to erase the many misperceptions surrounding the presence of Indian gaming and Indian governments in the United States. Sadly, many of these mischaracterizations were fueled by political rhetoric from anti-gaming advocates who sought to prevent Native Tribes from strengthening their economies and utilizing the rights granted to the Tribes in the United States Constitution.

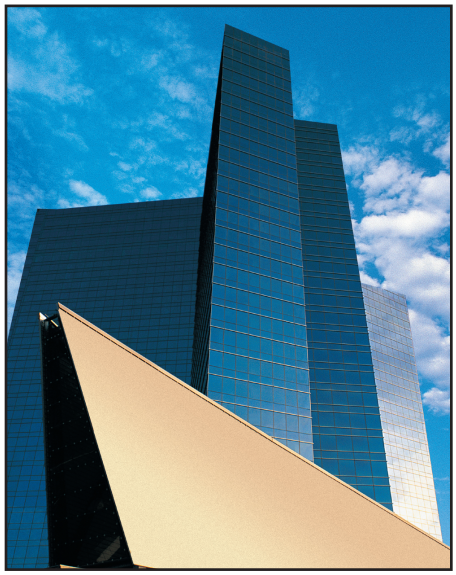
As Chairman of the Mohegan Tribal Council, one of my most important tasks is to continue our commitment to educating the general public about the history of our Tribe. As Mohegans we shall never forget the words and deeds of our great Tribal Medicine Woman Gladys Tantaquidgeon, who once said, "It's harder to hate someone you know a lot about."

The Mohegan Way, our regular newsletter to leaders throughout Connecticut, is part of our ongoing effort to provide people with a clearer understanding of who the Mohegan people are and what we are doing to make Connecticut an even better place to live and raise a family.

Here are a few specifics about the Tribes' impact on Connecticut:

- **Connecticut's two Native American Tribes now employ more people in Connecticut than any corporation.**
- **Tourism is Connecticut's fastest growing industry. Our Native American Casinos are successfully attracting more and more people to our state, which in turn is helping to strengthen the role of tourism in our economy.**
- **The 25% slot contribution to the state of Connecticut will contribute more than $450 million to state revenues in 2006. That is more than any other Connecticut employer pays the state.**

The Mohegan Tribe is proud and excited to be in a position to contribute so much to Connecticut. Since colonial times, our Tribe has lived in harmony with our neighbors. Our history has been marked by good times and bad. History has recorded far too many times when



our property was illegally taken from us, when our language was outlawed, and when our burial grounds were desecrated. However, as a Tribe we have always believed that working closely with our neighbors is the best way to create better communities.

Today, in better economic times, we remain more dedicated than ever to that commitment and will continue to foster even better relationships—relationships based on openness, fairness and cooperation. While we call it "The Mohegan Way," we believe it is a model that all people and all communities should live by.

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The Mohegan Tribe: Supporting Those In Need

*Mohegan Tribal Council Chairman Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum, actor Bill Murray, singer Samantha Cole golfing in the **Ahmad Rashad Celebrity Classic** presented by Mohegan Sun to benefit Cystic Fibrosis*

The phenomenal success of the Mohegan Sun has afforded the Tribe the unique opportunity to offer significant support to a variety of cultural, educational, and social programs. In fact, the Mohegan Tribe is one of the state's largest sources of charitable contributions.

In July, the Mohegan Tribe was one of the sponsors and hosts for the **2006 Sportscasters' Super Ball & Super Auction** hosted by sportscaster and former NFL player **Ahmad Rashad**. The event was open to the public and featured appearances by a number of celebrity athletes and show business personalities, including Basketball Hall of Famers **Charles Barkley** and **Julius Erving (Dr. J)**, Football Hall of Famers **Marcus Allen** and **Lawrence Taylor**, and former baseball greats **"Goose" Gossage**, Hall of Famer **Rollie Fingers** and **Bobby Bonilla**. All the funds raised at this star-studded event went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

In August, the Mohegan Sun once again co-sponsored and served as the host of the **Jim Calhoun Charity All-Star Game**. Many of Hall of Fame Coach Jim Calhoun's all-time greatest UConn players come back every year to compete in this charity basketball game, which benefits the UConn Foundation, Inc.'s Jim & Pat Calhoun Cardiology Research Endowment Fund for the UConn Health Center.

These and other events held throughout the year represent just a small portion of the thousands of dollars in funding and services the Mohegan Tribe offers to charitable organizations each year.

Sun Winefest 2006
The weekend food & wine event, including the participation of Mohegan Sun and celebrity chefs, benefited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

"We are honored to be in a position to provide assistance to so many worthy causes that work to improve the lives of people in our community and throughout the world," said Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum, Chairman of the Mohegan Tribal Council. "Sharing our good fortune with others has always been a fundamental part of Mohegan culture."

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